ACT of PRIVY COUNCIL

In favours of the Clerks of Kirk-Sessions, and other Church-Officers of the Regular Eſtabliſhed Clergie.

Edinburgh, *the firſt day of* December, 1687.

Oraſmuch, As the King's moſt Excellent Majeſty hath ſignified, that it is His Royal Pleaſure, that the Clerks of Kirk-Seſſions, and other Church-Officers, ſuch as, Readers, Precenters, Beddels, and others, who ſerve the regular eſtabliſhed Clergie, ſhould not be prejudged of their Rights and accuſtomed Fees and Caſualties, ariſing to them by Baptiſms, Marriages and Burials (the ordinar mean of their Subſiſtence;) but that they ſhould have the ſame for bygones, ſince the date of His Majeſties late Gracious Proclamation of Indulgence, and in time coming, (His Majeſty in His ſaid late Gracious Proclamation having declared that He will maintain the regular Clergie in all their Rights and Poſſeſſions:) Therefore, the Lords of His Majeſties Privy Council, in purſuance of His Majeſties Royal Pleaſure, Do hereby Declare, that the ſaid Clerks of Kirk-Seſſions, and other Officers of the regular Clergie, are not to be prejudged of their reſpective accuſtomed Dues, Caſualties and Benefits, ariſing to them by Baptiſms, Marriages and Burials; and Ordains the ſame to be payed to them for bygones, ſince the date foreſaid, and in time coming, by the perſons concerned as formerly; And hereby Requires the ſeveral Magiſtrats to Burgh and Land, to ſee the ordinar Diligence put in Execution againſt the perſons reſpectivè *lyable as aforeſaid. And that theſe preſents may be made known and publick, Ordains Intimation thereof to be made at the Mercat-Croſs of* Edinburgh *by a* Macer *of Council, and at all the other* Mercat-Croſſes *of the Head-Burghs of the* Shires *of this Kingdom by* Meſſengers *at Arms; as alſo to be read in all the* Paroch-Churches *of this Kingdom upon a Lords day in the Forenoon, after Divine* Service *performed, that none pretend Ignorance. Extracted forth of the Records of His* Majeſties *Privy Council, by me Sir* William Paterſon *Knight and Baronet, Clerk of His* Majeſties *moſt Honourable Privy Council.*

WILL. PATERSON, *Cls. Sti. Concilii.*

GOD ſave the KING.

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